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THE CONQUEROR—he shall be clothed in white garments, and I shall not at all erase his name from the book of life, but I shall acknowledge his name before my Father and before his Divinities.

THE CONQUEROR shall not at all be punished by the second death. He who has an ear to hear, let him hear.



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THE COMING CHRIST

I WILL say to those who believe in the Christ Principle that the time has now arrived for the manifestation here on earth for the Christ to operate through Humanity. Mrs. Annie Besant may play a false role in line with young Krishnamurti, but shadows always presume which way the wind blows and foretell a glorious future for Mankind once the Christ in Humanity comes to the surface. The New Man is here in Chicago amongst you. I do not profess to be the Christ, but this much I do know, when the Christ force begins to operate through Humanity, and that will be very soon, I, Harry R. Lang, will have an important role to play here in America, to bring order out of chaos and do the Will of the People

satisfactory to the Christ Principle in them.

Now, I am not making any rash claims. I am not a second Krishnamurti, but I do claim to have attained Union with my Higher Self, and I am entitled to all the credit which that line of attainment in the evolutionary scale justly empowers me.

I see before me a vision, and that vision is the Capitol of the U. S. A. in ruins. It will come to pass soon and the materialistic vampires are ready to destroy this Nation in order to defeat the Powers of the Spirit. I will say that I am the chosen power to represent the Fathers of the Republic, at the introduction of the Millennium here on Earth.

I am only a man of ordinary means, intellect and spiritual attainment, but my words shall sink into the hearts of the King's Enemies and bring Peace and Joy to all those who thought the Lord Almighty had forsaken them, and left the Gates of Gold open for the enemies to enter and destroy all.

But this much, Dear American Brothers, the Brothers on the Watch Tower are calling "ALL IS WELL," and when the Spirit Strikes, God help the organized wealth dominating our American Government, for Gold will perish and the Flame of Spirit will make of the Righteous Ones immortal habiliments to wear through the furnace through which we are about to pass, destroying the bad and preserving the good.

—Americus.

THE CRISIS IN AMERICAN HISTORY

THE die is cast. The American Public must either vote for a Radical Progressive Candidate for the Presidency in November, 1928, or suffer the final Death and Dissolution of the American Republic. By Radical Progressive Candidate, I mean a Candidate that is not supported by either the Democratic or Republican parties, and who, if elected, will seek to break the Ring of Gold that is sedulously undermining the Principles of our Republic and working in conjunction with International Slavery which seeks to salvage all the Governments of the Earth, with England as the Leading Light to Rule and Govern, with Rome as the Ecclesiastical Centre to Bless and Consecrate, and with Mussolini and Calvin Coolidge to carry out the behests and mandates of this New International Tribunal.

Gold now is about to close all the doors of Human Liberty and Freedom and exact a greater bondage than has heretofore been clamped upon the Human Race. For their Souls will be forfeited to keep up the Death Dance that Gold is about to inaugurate. If Coolidge is nominated and elected, tell me whether I am wrong if I predict that every American will have to bow to a King at Washington, D. C. Gentlemen, it is the only logical outcome of worshipping Mammon to the exclusion of the Spirit which supplants and upholds our Grand Free American Institutions.

I repeat a President is even now out of place at Washington, D. C. He is merely a tool and cat's paw of the Foreign Moneyed Powers with offices at Wall Street.

Now the Crisis in American History is about to be precipitated, when we re-elect Coolidge. His heart is in his mouth for fear of assassination. For assassinated he will be if he accepts the CROWN which the moneyed powers are about to place upon his head; and he would deserve no better fate than assassination if he accepts.

I tell you Gentlemen, what with Prosperity shouted from the house-tops, and in the columns of our daily subsidized American Press, with thousands of men out of employment throughout the country, and those at present employed unable to make the dollar cover the proverbial 50 cent piece, with the vampires and unseen entitles swarming about the pot of gold, making you spend your all for the very necessities of life and leaving you pitifully alone, bankrupt and old age and failing health staring you in the face, I say it is a Hell of a Future for Americans to face, and hand on to future posterity, that Gold has defeated the Principles of the Republic and left them poor, penniless and alone, shipwrecked upon the sands of time, with no future other than to Serve the Kings, Queens, Popes, and Nobles abroad and become true slaves and vassals of International Finance, which will toy with your Souls as they have toyed with your Gold.

This scheme that was drafted during the World War to subjugate AMERICA under the guise of subjugating the Kaiser, won't work. True they are trying their best to put it over and wreck AMERICA to rehabilitate Europe and with Billions of American money now invested in European and Oriental schemes, these Lords of Gold figure that when the time comes, comparatively few Americans will protest and defend their REPUBLIC against foreign aggression and invasion for they figure that Gold and its vital powers have such a strong hold on the conscience and hearts of the average American investor, that Principle will not raise its voice loud enough to revive them from their lethargy, and that with the downfall of the American Republic, and the destruction of its Foundation Principles, the Vampires of Gold will then take possession of the Souls of Human Beings, and we will have a Hell on Earth that will even eclipse anything ever described in literature.

The present slump in business all over the Country is all manipulated by Wall Street, for in order to have the People vote for their puppets and stool pigeons, they must starve them a little, throw fear into their hearts, and threaten and intimidate them that if you fail to vote for our man, panic, anarchy and chaos will be the natural outcome.

But the Crisis in American History now comes to a head when the People who now have their eyes fairly well opened are willing to defy the Powers of Gold,

and vote for a man who will put Wall Street and the Foreign Moneyed Powers out of the reckoning when the question of the Liberty of our Souls is at stake. And what has transpired in Russia, in the Balkan States, in Italy, in Germany and in France will be mild alongside of what will transpire in America once Americans elect their own man to the Presidential Chair, and clean house from cellar to attic; for the American People will own all the Banks, Electric Light and Gas Companies and Municipal Corporations, will operate all the Steamship Lines and Railroads, will bring Co-operation and Brotherly Love into play and with the God of Christendom made to pay his just amount of taxes on his garished monuments of stone, the **PEOPLE**, the **PEOPLE**, the **PEOPLE**, I say the **PEOPLE** will reign once again and bring Heaven down to Earth, once our National Aims and Standards, and Declarations are carried out to the letter and **RELIGIOUS SLAVERY IN LEAGUE WITH THE GOLD RING** are made to suffer final Judgment, which is condemnation, death and dissolution at the hands of the **SPIRIT**, which is the Heart beating at the core of our Beloved Republic.

Christianity must go down and with it the Reign of Gold, and when that event transpires, the Crisis in American History will have been met, and America emerge victorious and triumphant, eternal in the Heavens.

—HARRY R. LANG.

THE NEW ERA

THE New Era is presently to assert itself throughout the world for the regeneration of Humanity and the destruction of Evil Forces that control its inhabitants. For the New Era presupposes a radical change from the staid policies of the Old Era, where Gold and the vampires controlling the minting process is at last laid into its proper tomb for burial. Government, Commerce, and all treaties and intercourse with other Nations and all that innures to the Cosmopolitan make-up of the Nations of the Whole World will be supplanted by the New Spiritual Era which shall regard as secondary the materialistic values and considerations which have too long occupied men's minds and a re-valuation of materialistic elements shall be placed in the retort of the Spirit for final elucidation and refinement, where the end is seen in its full-orbed significance, the CAUSE of things brought to light, and a more direct progress made toward the Spiritual Evolution of the Republic, where men's hearts are taken into consideration, and their future provided for, whereas, today, that phase of his evolution is given over entirely to the Churches which have blocked the Evolution of the Republic and retarded the Spiritual Salvation of men's Souls here on Earth.

Is it too much to say that Harry R. Lang has a just conception given him by the Powers of the Spirit to reorganize and rehabilitate this American Republic in line with the Principles set down by our Brave

Forefathers? Is it too much to claim for DIVINE LIFE that Divine Life will presently take possession of the minds and hearts of Men throughout the World? Is it too much to consider a small Magazine, with its equally small Editor, the Coming Prophet of the World, and the only solvent hope left Humanity to join them into a Universal Convocation which will unite all Races into a Universal Brotherhood, and the economic end left to take care of itself, for once we strike the Spark of Spirit here in America, and a Regenerated Son comes to the fore to guide this Nation, the economic problems which have so perplexed our over-worked politicians will all fall in line of themselves, and no one shall strave, nor freeze, nor be forsaken, for all shall be provided for, and higher aims than just mere worldly success shall be considered as paramount, where Truth, Honesty, Character and Moral Virtues shall be regarded as the **sine qua non** of entrance into this New Spiritual America, an Immortal Citizenry which is only granted to those worthy and well qualified.

The New Era is the death-knell of both old line Political Parties, for with the introduction of the New Age, all the scheming and plotting of political candidates will come to an end and the PEOPLE given their God-given rights to govern themselves and LIVE IMMORTAL LIVES HERE ON EARTH, where they are not controlled by Churchly Heads calling themselves Religious, but content to be Sons of God, without the Darkness of Religion to again enslave them.

—HARRY R. LANG.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

THE New President must have vision enough so that were the Republic to totter during his administration, he shall be strong and powerful enough to command the entire situation, and bring order out of chaos. He is to be the New Emancipator in a Spiritual sense, his sixth-sense must predominate over all, and his vision of supernatural intelligences which aid him will command the attention of the civilized Christian World.

The Goddess of Liberty must be in full accord with the New President, for through him she will unveil the after-death-state to all mankind and a remedy to cure the Republic of the Spell of Blindness which has been affecting its sight since its inception.

He will give to mankind a New Order of Ethics and his teaching will be of a Universal nature. He will tell the People that even now, Heaven awaits them here on Earth, that there is no Hell, save of being deprived of Man's Rights by the High Ecclesiastical Authorities, who have been strangling the Goddess of Liberty and her advice for centuries.

This then, is the mission of a New President who is not controlled by GOLD any longer, but controlled by Spirit, and that Spirit is the only true Spirit of the American Republic.

It will so work through the New President that his words will embody the very code of Ethics which he is to instill into this American Republic, THE NEW

WORLD REPUBLIC, and the reign of Kings, Queens, and Royal Whores will come to an abrupt ending under the administration of this New Representative of all Nations, this New Ambassador from Heaven.

Woe be unto you conventional whoremongers, you have taken away the Sacred Doctrine from the People and those who wished to enter in you have prevented.

But now the New Philosophy is the Philosophy of a Master Philosopher, who has attained the Crown of Life, and who will knock the Crown of Death from the Heads of High Church Dignitaries, and Princes, and Kings, and Emperors and will declare All Men Are Now and Forever will be IMMORTAL, never to recede to the Plane of Fires any longer, for the New President has proclaimed an ending of all trading and whoremonging in the Temple, and the Jesuitical Band of Marauders will be beheaded just as fast as gallows can be built at Washington, D. C., to accomplish the purpose.

—THE REPUBLIC.

The Reverse Side of the Seal of the United States, with its pyramid and crowning white cap-stone and glory, must needs be rejected, until such a time as a few individuals, at least, are sufficiently spiritually developed to comprehend its full significance ; and are ready and able to *stand*, and each in himself *become* a spiritual Joshua. As one has already said : “ I think we do not any of us realize the wonderful work the DIVINE LIFE has done, and what will yet result from it. I believe most fully that it has ushered in the finest type of Theosophy this world has yet seen.”

—By *Celestia Root Lang*.

THE NEW ERA

Lindbergh On the Money Trust? A Financial System in Control of Our Government

(As quoted from the Congressional Record)

(Reprint from American Monthly)

This article, written by Hon. Chas. A. Lindbergh, M. C., while a member of Congress, from Minnesota, Father of Lindbergh, Jr., the famed aviator who crossed the Atlantic in his Spirit of St. Louis, is eye-salve for the American People at this important period.—EDITOR.

MOST of us are kicking because of the extreme "high cost" of living. Think of a United States special assistant attorney general given charge of a probe into its cause, to start a "country-wide boycott," that there is nothing else to do except to obtain and live upon cheap foods until the other foods come down. That is an admission of imbecility and not of progress. Think of Senators and Representatives who have been in Congress a score of years or more with power and authority to act—backed by the best people the world can produce—doing nothing, not even attempting to relieve the people of needless burdens, but instead cringing under the influence of patronage "pork," wasting the time and making expense, sometimes pretending to be progressive, but all the time legislating special favors and making fake investigations to make believe that sometime there will be remedial legislation. Is that progressive?

Think of a President pointing to some of the so-called "progressive laws," sponsored by his administration as the "embodiment of progress," yet himself indicting the claim by admitting that it costs more to live than ever, and that too in the face of the fact that more per capita is produced than ever. Is that the result of a progressive administration? I do not challenge to compare this administration unfavorably with any other for the last 50 years, for none has been progressive enough to deal with fundamental economic problems in a commonsense natural way. They have not dared to. They have been scared by "special privilege." Everyone has been backed off the board of duty to the public by the influence of predatory wealth in implied exchange for support or to head off opposition in political campaigns.

I have outlined some of the elements in the high cost of living, but to comprehend the enormity of it and the terrible treachery that has taken place in bringing it about and the method of procedure required to stop it, involves the consideration of several related subjects, the main one of which is the "invisible government." When that has been explained the methods of remedy naturally must follow in order to give value to the exposure.

I shall deal briefly with the Money Trust—merely showing its power and how it uses it. I do this because the Money Trust has created the invisible government.

An investigation committee was appointed in 1912 to whitewash the Money Trust as near as it would dare. The members of that committee were mostly disciples of the Money Trust, but they were forced to make some showing to meet what they termed "public clamor." About \$100,000 of the people's tax money was expended to make the proceedings so voluminous and mixed that no one with much work to do would ever have time to read the evidence and but few the report. It stopped just when they got to the point where the system would have been exposed in all its hideousness if the investigation had gone further. The big financiers came to Washington, got down on their knees, begging high officials to put on the lid lest these money sharks would be landed in prison. The Money Trust committee however, must be given a little credit for getting a little spurred at this time and having their eyes opened by the "public clamor" as they called it, for they were forced to go further than they first intended. In September, 1912, they asked the Comptroller of Currency to supply certain data concerning the business and practices of the larger national banks. They were about to reach the "lion in his den" but a mighty roar came forth. The Comptroller of the Currency referred the request to the President for instructions, in compliance with an Executive order issued by President Roosevelt and reissued by President Taft, which prohibited any head of departments from fur-

nishing information without the permission of the President. The "lion in his den" was now lashing his tail, roaring most furiously, so from September until December the matter was held in abeyance and at this most critical period when the point was reached where the country could be given the most startling facts possible and a foundation laid to remedy the evil, President Taft rendered his decision declining to allow the Comptroller of the Currency to furnish the information. This notwithstanding, any intelligent unprejudiced person with sufficient experience, would have made a more useful report of the facts that concern the public most, if allowed \$10,000 for his time and expenses. The National Monetary Commission had been previously created, which falsely informed the people in order for the Money Trust to lay a foundation to pass the Federal reserve act. That committee went on a junketing trip to Europe. Ordinarily that is about the value of every investigating congressional committee. They are "fixed up"—a part of the "pork" for the "faithful" to "special privilege."

The backbone of the Money Trust is the banking system. The banks do not voluntarily occupy that place. On the contrary, with the exception of a few in the large cities, perhaps not to exceed 125 in the United States, the banks are opposed to the Money Trust. Before the Federal reserve act was passed, it was possible though not easy, for a national bank to keep from directly feeding the Money Trust. Now

it is impossible. Law has made every bank that joins the system a part of the Money Trust. The law compels national banks to join.

On January 1, 1917, there were 7,596 national banks. They directly control nearly one-half of all the banking resources and indirectly control very many of the State banks and most of the trust companies. In order to secure a direct control of all, the Money Trust which engineered the organization of the Federal Reserve System, is using every leverage possible to force the State banks to come in. The Federal reserve act contains a provision for the purpose. So far the Money Trust has not been successful in forcing the State banks because bankers as a rule do not voluntarily become Money Trust feeders.

National and State banks, trust companies, and some old-line life insurance companies, deal mostly with other peoples' money. They are organized on purpose to get possession of it. They do not organize simply to use their own. There are approximately 2,000 of these, including some private banks. New ones are constantly being organized. Eventually the Federal reserve act, if kept in its present form, will squeeze out many of the smaller banks. The number is now nearing the high mark.

When any of us have money that we do not expect to use immediately, or prefer to draw checks instead of using cash, we dump it into the banks. The banks are the arteries through which the money

and credit flows and they supply the Money Trust with a sufficient amount of the very same money that the depositors place in the banks to make the Money Trust the greatest power on earth—a power for evil only. The banks have never at any one time had in their possession as much as \$2,000,000,000 of actual money, but the “special privilege” granted by the Government enables them to manipulate a credit system equal to many times the actual money in their possession, so that now in 1917, depositors have to their credit approximately \$25,000,000,000. More than \$20,000,000,000 is loaned at from 6 to 10 per cent and sometimes at even higher rates. The banks pay on deposits an average of less than 2 per cent. They pay no interest upon commercial accounts as a rule, and many of the deposits that nominally draw interest are drawn upon by the depositor before he can collect interest. The borrower, however, is not relieved from paying interest when he pays a note before it is due—does not expect to be. The difference between what the banks pay on deposits and what they collect on their loans aggregate upon this item alone about \$1,000,000,000 per annum—yearly becoming greater.

The farmer owning a farm and the urban dweller a modest home are often heard to complain because taxes upon these are too high, and generally the complaint is well founded when the result of the expenditure is considered. That is a direct tax. They go

directly into their pocketbooks and pay it. The banks, however, impose an indirect toll upon, in addition to a direct toll upon, the borrowers, which is more than the average taxes paid upon the farms and urban homes. But no kick is heard about the bank collections. It is not paid directly, but is added to the price of the things we must buy. We kick about the price of these, but we do not give it consideration enough to connect it with the banks' charges. The existing system of finances, however, for which the banks are principally responsible, is the cause of the whole trouble. It is not the item of \$1,000,000,000 bank profits to which I refer that play the principal mischief, but it is the high-finance borrowers of the funds that, concentrated in the reserve cities where the speculators are, adds several additional billions to the high cost of living. Every time a billion dollars of profits is scalped from operating the business of the country you add an average of \$10 per capita to the cost of living for every man, woman, and child. In the end practically all this falls upon the toilers. Therefore the importance of exposing the system and discussing means for a remedy.

Human nature is known to be selfish. History for 6,000 years verifies that condition, so we may presume it continues and give it weight—assume that men will do those things that give them individual advantages when they know how. Human nature, however, is all that we have to deal with. It is our-

selves—it is our battle and our life—all that there is for us to follow through to the end. That is why I discuss and in the discussion hold out the promise that if we can reach the masses with the facts, success awaits everybody. It is the future success of the masses that furnishes the motive for collective consistency and co-operation, for the plain people can have no hope of securing their right in the world as now governed. In view of the “self-interest” which has always dominated the world, it is not possible that the masses, if advised of the conditions, will exchange the sure means that they can adopt to secure success to all for the existing gambler’s chance—luck—that can come only now and then to one of them under the existing practices.

Having shown that there are 12 Federal reserve banks and a Federal Reserve Board that makes the general rules for their government, it is important also to note that there is an “advisory council,” one member from each Federal reserve district. These, too, are “special-privilege” men; for instance, the one from New York is J. P. Morgan, a son of the late J. P. Morgan and head of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., one of the five firms found by the Money investigating committee to have conspired to create the Money Trust. The other members of the “advisory council” were likewise educated in the atmosphere of “special privilege,” which is already practically secured through the Federal reserve act.

These two boards, the Federal Reserve Board and the advisory council, are at the head of the Federal reserve system, and none of the lesser officials, even if they wished, would dare to cross swords with them.

Of course, a scheme so systematically arranged for fleecing the public could not be put through without almost infinite care to secure able assistance and a means provided to pay off the obligations of the original conspirators and main beneficiaries of the act to their subordinate lieutenants who aided in pushing the scheme through. This was partly taken care of by the creation of the 12 Federal reserve banks, each of which has several lucrative offices. The campaign to educate the public to accept of such a monstrous evil was, of course, secretly arranged by "special privilege." To disguise the scheme, a parent organization, named the "Citizens' League," was established in Chicago, and from there State organizations and campaigns were directed. In my own State they selected a prominent, intelligent, able, and respected man for president. He and an equally intelligent man who was selected for secretary managed the campaign, and of course were taken care of when the Federal reserve act took effect, the president, by placing him as one of the heads in the Federal reserve bank at Minneapolis, acting for the ninth district. Any scheme that supports such lucrative places as the Federal reserve act provides for, when considered from a purely selfish personal standpoint, is well

worth working for by those who would get the offices. The same plan was carried on in each of the 11 other districts.

Next we have the bankers in the system—the little fellows which include all except a few Money Trust banks. Including a few State banks that joined the system, there are over 7,600 and more coming in all the time. It is these little banks and the State banks scattered into all sections of the Nation that gather in the money and credit of the people and control it, and the banks in turn are controlled by the Money Trust, not designedly so, so far as the small bank owners are concerned, but inevitably forced to be by the system. It is not because the banks scalp directly from the people over a \$1,000,000,000 annually for the managers and owners that they are most objectionable, for we all know about that, and if we are so foolish as to permit it, let us not complain of the fact. The colossal wrong consists in turning over to the banks the unrestricted control of the entire finances of the country, thus enabling the insiders to use the funds and credits to fleece the people annually out of several additional billions of dollars in gambling and speculation on the side.

The existing financial machine may be summarized in its make-up as follows:

First. National banks, arranged into three classes —(a) the country banks, the small banks in the cities, and a few large city banks; (b) the larger

banks in the "reserve cities"; (c) the largest banks in the "central-reserve cities";

Second. Government postal savings banks, the deposits in which are mostly turned over to the banks to exploit people with;

Third. The new Federal Reserve System;

Fourth. State banks and trust companies;

Fifth. The new Federal farm loan act; and

Sixth. The old-line life insurance companies and unincorporated private banking.

These are the collecting agencies for the Money Trust, not that bankers would as a rule choose to have it that way, but because they have gradually been drawn into it and now are unable to cut loose. Congress has the power to prevent it, but it too has been "drawn into" the support of "special privilege," a matter that I will later consider as related to the subject of political miscarriage in dealing with the money and other problems.

These banks and the other agencies named are distributed into every locality where people can come to dump their money and so on. The 12 Federal reserve banks, however, are exclusive. Only the member banks which own them and the Government is allowed to do business with them. Every other body is prohibited. The Money Trust believed that it would force the State banks to join the Federal reserve scheme, but not many of them have, so of late a new scheme was fixed up to get them in if possible. It

is to give them the privilege of having their checks cleared without even becoming members, provided they carry deposits in the Federal reserve banks. The Money Trust intends to get the State banks into the Federal Reserve System at any cost. If the new scheme fails other schemes will be devised for the same purpose. They can get along very well, however, without the State banks. Their main purpose in trying to get them is to solidify power and influence. They know that once the people understand that the game is simply to exploit the public there will be an explosion and the Money Trust blown up.

Now we come to a most important point in the use of the system. The banks hold to the credit of depositors about \$25,000,000,000 of which less than \$2,000,000,000 is actual money. The rest is checks, notes, and bookkeeping. The funds are obtained from the depositors and belong to them. The banking plan is designed to do that very thing, not merely to favor the depositors, nor for any intrinsic excessive love to accommodate the borrowers; neither for good fellowship. Then what is it for? To rake in profit, of course. Therefore it is important to know: What do the banks do with deposits?

Yes, what do the banks do with the depositors' funds? That is now the question. The country banks and the smaller banks in the cities gather in most of the funds that are deposited by the plain people—toilers, principally. The big fellows, the rich, do not

keep on deposit many funds, because they use their funds to exploit the plain people and are borrowing from the big banks and even from the smaller ones the very funds that the plain people deposit, and with these added to their own invested funds multiply their exploits and build larger and larger fortunes at the plain people's expense. That is why the subsidized press, in the interest of special privilege most adroitly attempts to make the plain people believe that they are rich, because in the aggregate they own most of the deposits.

The big banks get part of the deposits out of the little banks and loan them to speculators, who exploit the plain people—among which are fully 99 out of every 100 depositors. The banking system has been built up with that very purpose in view. Of course special privilege knows the necessity of keeping the plain people, a large majority of whom own no deposit, at work most of the time, or there would be no “fleece” for the speculators to “shear” from the “goats,” so the banks must loan to the plain borrowers who are able to work enough of the funds on deposit to enable the “goats” to do the work and to supply them at times with the bare necessities of life, and upon such loans the highest rates of interest are charged.

A part of the bank deposits, I repeat, are loaned to small business, to farmers, and wageworkers, who have credit or security in sufficient quantity to keep

themselves at work, but they are forced to pay from 6 per cent all the way up to the most exorbitant rates, the rate depending on how difficult it is for the borrower to get money—the borrower may have the blessings of God in the gift of good health, physical and mental activity to strengthen his credit, or the weight of physical and mental misfortune may bear it down—in both cases he will carry the banker upon his back, and the poorer he is the more he must pay. To those whom this system has forced into bankruptcy, the bank doors are absolutely closed. We can not blame the banker for closing the door on the bankrupt. He must do that or he would have to close it on the depositor. It is the banking system that creates so many bankrupts that is to blame and not the banker.

The banks do not all their loaning in the respective communities from which they receive their deposits and which support the banks. They do not loan nearly as much as they reasonably could and should, and what loans they make there they charge more interest on, as a rule, than they get anywhere else. They prefer to loan at much lower rates away from home and to speculators than to lower the rate on loans at home. The result of the practice is, that after they have loaned at home all they can at the highest possible rates of interest, they will not reduce the rates of interest to home borrowers, who would borrow if they could secure it at lower rates. The

remaining deposits, not required to be kept in their tills and with the Federal reserve bank as reserve, they use to buy notes from loan brokers in the cities drawing a lower rate of interest, and redeposit the balance they have to spare in the big city banks and receive 2 per cent interest.

This nation is dominated by a private control of finances. Some of the time wittingly and at other times unwittingly, but always and all of the time Congress serves "special privilege." It frequently acts directly in its interests, as it did when it passed the Federal reserve act, but its greatest and most appreciated service by special privilege beneficiaries consists in the failure of Congress to do its duty to the public. Special privilege needs no action by Congress in order to continue its exploit of the people, but the people require acts of Congress to prevent their being exploited, and Congress fails in this respect.

The war conditions are the result of uneconomic laws that govern trade and commerce, the privilege that has been given to a few to make industrial slaves of the rest of us. With a single proper act of Congress the world could be changed, conquered by force of the collective demand of all mankind, when the way was pointed out that would make it sure that the industrious and intelligent in all the fields of useful work can command success by their own industry. That would result in a peace-loving people rising up

everywhere. Let one nation act wisely, really wisely, in the conduct of its economic relations, the rest would follow in quick succession, more so than the unwise act of war was followed by one nation after the other. There need be no war to establish our rights on the high seas. If we adopt the economic law for our own Government we shall conquer the world, not by drenching it in blood, not by vain glory that would be looked upon by succeeding generations as the last colossal act of American barbarism—no; not in the blood nor in the bravo will we conquer insanity, but in the common sense of a new nation-wide intelligence, applied to adjust business to secure the conveniences and the necessities of life instead of for speculation, can we conquer the world or even ourselves.

The first act in the great drama that will set the stage for the new, true, and sane world will be the repeal of all laws that make special privilege supreme and adopt instead a financial system in control of the Government. That is the first step necessary for a world's permanent peace. Every other economic reform will automatically follow.

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A THESIS ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES

I HAVE an important message to deliver to Harry R. Lang, in behalf of the People of this Grand Free American Republic. The tolls upon our National resources have been enormous, not so much the tolls of expression as the tolls of Death. I have made many journeys back to the Earth plane since my departure, but never once have I been more impressed with the momentous events which have transpired than now.

The American People are about to face the worst cataclysm that has ever affected this Nation. The New Order will be inaugurated, but before that event transpires, the Republic will receive an awful shaking. It is about time for the owls to hoot in the Capitol's dome and Death stalk about the Capitol's corridors. But we who have the administration of this Republic at heart have vowed that every last traitor shall be beheaded who lends a hand at destroying this Grand Free American Republic. We have vowed to put a man into the Presidential Chair who shall at least, carry on the work of running the Government as it should be run, free from any outside interference. We shall elevate this man to the highest office in the land, and crown him a King from Heaven, sent to do the Will of the Forefathers. We have lost no time in bringing this man to the fore, for the Gold-diggers have about undermined everything since the

Republic has been given life.

I have a word to say to my Fellow-Countrymen through this man, Harry R. Lang.

Since the Civil War, I have been very much concerned about the moneyed element overcoming the Spirit behind the Government. I, with others, have found men who would sell their Souls for a dollar. I was the victim of a plotting aristocracy and I now declare that no man shall live in this Eternal Mansion who forever purges not from his heart the dislike of America and all it stands for. These moneyed men coming over from abroad and residing here in this country and enjoying the privileges of an American Citizen, should act like Americans at least and not try and tear down the work of men who gave their lives that this Country might survive.

The Coming Man to guide the Nation must enunciate the Principles laid down by the Forefathers, and, if he can see any difference in color, in social standing or prestige, then he is not a true American and is unfit to head this Country as President.

I am almost bewildered by the voices around my casket who plead for help that they might not starve and perish, and yet we have a man sitting today in the Presidential Chair, who tells us that Peace, Prosperity and Gifts in Abundance are being showered upon the People of this U. S. A., and that all is well within the sanctum sanctorum, where the laws of the land are laid out for the extermination of the poor and

the elevation of the rich.

I say a New Order must ensue where the People are made to enjoy the fruits of Victory of a Republic Eternal in the Heavens, or we will have the sorry spectacle of a King sitting on His Throne at Washington, D. C., and a Queen with her Royal Cortège.

I believe in American Principles first and last. I believe in the American People first and last. I believe that the Churches should be made to pay taxes, relieving the burden placed upon the People by the politicians who today for the most part are a vital part of the Church machinery.

Christianity and all it denominates is not worth saving. For with a New Order coming into manifestation, a Square Deal to all Mankind, places Christianity outside the reckoning. For with the elevation of the Souls of Men, no outward organization can withstand the pressure upon their moral strength. For outside the morality of the People, the Church Heads and Organizations breed corruption, vice and are the retardents that undermine Constitutional fabric and mould Kingdoms out of material that should now be eternal and immortal in the Heavens.

I would ask of the American People the favor of introducing laws that would provide for all the poor, enabling them to make at least a livelihood. There is plenty for all to go around and why should we at this late day and hour starve our own in order to take care of the needy abroad? Truly Organizations make

money out of the poor and the People should become wards of the Government of the U. S. A., and be safeguarded from want and privation in their latter days.

Coming up to the question of Slavery. The South today holds certain men in chattel slavery the same as before the war. They mistreat them the same as before the war, denying them the right to vote and denying them the privilege of educating their children along with the whites. Flogging, mobbing, driving and emasculating all that is good and noble in the Colored Race.

We need a Leader today who will take this situation in hand and chastise them so severely that no more trace is left of even a brutal word toward the Colored Race. They are inferior, I hear you say. Black and not White. Servile, low and undeserving. They lie, they cheat, they steal, they are lazy, and Oh, I hear you say, would you like a nice colored boy for a Son in law of yours?

But here, let me tell you. This challenge of mixing dark blood with white flesh is the challenge of a Demon. Rather I would have my white Daughter marry a man as black as the ace of spades with a white heart, than a man as white as alabaster with a heart as black as the man who made this challenge. For, materialistic tastes run to the highest extremes, and this fellow who wouldn't marry his Daughter to a Black man, perhaps couldn't find a Black man to take her.

You know I regard all men as created free and equal. By free and equal I mean free and equal to do as he chooses and pleases so long as he remains within the bounds of Civil Law.

I have the utmost contempt for a man who would not live in the neighborhood of colored people. As a rule such people who are too nice to mix with the colored have so much vein of vanity that were they turned out in a field in Heaven and made to eat grass with the Ox, their fate would be equal to their deeds here on Earth. I say, in defense of the Colored Man, that they are one of the foundation stones of this Grand Free American Republic. Their presence here in America is tantamount to the presence of water on the Earth. They irrigate the soil of human affections, they are kind, gentle and child-like, and I have the first negro to threaten my life, more than I can say of the White Race.

You, who brag and boast of White Supremacy, who belong to World Wide Organizations with the sign of BROTHERHOOD above the door-posts of your lodge rooms, did you ever stop to think how unbecoming are your claims of Brotherhood when you crucify the very motto that your Lodge sign portrays?

You are not entitled to any honor or credentials in the Celestial Realms for your words and signs of Universal Brotherhood smack of hypocrisy. I ask the American People to beware of all things ENGLISH. The English are avowed enemies of anything Spiritual and will succeed in blocking the Salvation and Re-

demption of this fair Republic if America don't stop their incursion into the portals of this Republic.

Better Italians, Slavs, Polocks, Lithuanians, and Bohemians than these materialistic vampires from England, who scoff at everybody and everything that does not come under the profile of an Anglo-Saxon picture. Their skin, their clothes, their speech, their manners and ways, yes, even their breath is to them of a superior quality than that of any other Nation, and they now seek to turn the heads of good Americans into thinking their ways are far superior to our ways and their culture of an infinite form to be modeled after and emulated.

I tell you there are still some few fool Americans in this Country who love Gold and England far better than Liberty and the Stars and Stripes. They regard America and Americanism sort of out of date, old fashioned, and that a breeze from London, Paris or Rome is sufficient to brush off the dust of jaded Americanism, and make them over entirely new!

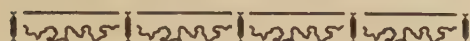
But if they only knew that I, Abraham Lincoln, have more contempt today for things foreign than I have ever had before in my life, they would seek to remain Americans, and flout all things Foreign, as back numbers who should today junk their Kingdoms abroad and all sail for America to save themselves from the Peril of Hell instituted by Kings and Queens.

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

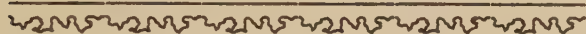
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“Son of Man”



OR, THE SEQUEL TO EVOLUTION



MAN'S PLACE IN NATURE AS AFFECTED BY DARWINISM

—BY CELESTIA ROOT LANG—

CHAPTER II.

—CONTINUED—

“WHEN the Copernican astronomy was finally established through the discoveries of Kepler and Newton, it might well have been pronounced the greatest scientific achievement of the human mind; but it was still more than that. It was the greatest revolution that had ever been effected in man's views of his relations to the universe in which he lives, and of which he is, at least during the present life, a part.

“During the nineteenth century, however, a still greater revolution has been effected. Not only has Lyell enlarged our mental horizon in time as much as Newton enlarged it in space, but it appears that throughout these vast stretches of time and space with which we have been made acquainted there are sundry well marked changes going on. Certain definite paths of development are being pursued, and

around us on every side we behold worlds, organism, and societies in divers stages of progress or decline. Still more, as we examine the records of past life upon our globe, and study the mutual relations of the living things that still remain, it appears that the higher forms of life, including man himself, are the modified descendants of lower forms. Zoologically speaking, man can no longer be regarded as a creature apart by himself. We cannot erect an order on purpose to contain him, as Cuvier tried to do; we cannot even make a separate family for him. Man is not only a vertebrate, a mammal, and a primate, but he belongs, as a genus, to the catarrhine family of apes. And just as lions, leopards, and lynxes—different genera of the cat family—are descended from a common stock of carnivora, back to which we may also trace the pedigrees of dogs, hyenas, bears, and seals, so the various genera of platyrrhine and catarrhine apes, including man, are doubtless descended from a common stock of primates, back to which we may also trace the converging pedigrees of monkeys and lemurs, until their ancestry becomes indistinguishable from that of rabbits and squirrels.

“Such is the conclusion to which the scientific world has come within a quarter of a century from the publication of Mr. Darwin’s ‘Origin of Species’; and there is no more reason for supposing that this conclusion will ever be gainsaid than for supposing that the Copernican astronomy will some time be over

thrown, and the concentric spheres of Dante's heaven reinstated in the minds of men.

"It is not strange that this theory of man's origin, which we associate mainly with the name of Mr. Darwin, should be to many people very unwelcome. It is fast bringing about a still greater revolution in thought than that which was heralded by Copernicus; and it naturally takes some time for the various portions of one's theory of things to become adjusted, one after another, to so vast and sweeping a change. From many quarters the cry goes up: If this be true, then man is at length cast down from his high position in the world. 'I will not be called a mammal, or the son of a mammal!' once exclaimed an acquaintance of mine who perhaps had been brought up by hand. Such expressions of feeling are crude, but the feeling is not unjustifiable.

"It is urged that if man is physically akin to a baboon, as pigs are akin to horses, and cows to deer, then humanity can in no wise be regarded as occupying a peculiar place in the universe; it becomes a mere incident in an endless series of changes; and how can we say that the same process of evolution that has produced mankind may not by and by produce something far more perfect? There was a time when huge bird-like reptiles were the lords of creation, and after these had been 'sealed within the iron hills' there came successive dynasties of mammals; and as the *iguanodon* gave place to the great *eocene*

marsupials, as the mastodon and the sabre-toothed lion have long since vanished from the scene, so may not man by and by disappear to make way for some higher creature, and so on forever? In such case, why should we regard man as in any higher sense the object of divine care than a pig?

“Still stronger does the case appear when we remember that those countless adaptations of means to ends in nature, which since the time of Voltaire and Paley we have been accustomed to as evidences of creative design, have received at the hands of Mr. Darwin a very different interpretation. The lobster’s powerful claw, the butterfly’s gorgeous tints, the rose’s delicious fragrance, the architectural instinct of the bee, the astonishing structure of the orchid, are no longer explained as the results of contrivance.

“That simple but wasteful process of survival of the fittest, through which such marvellous things have come into being, has little about it that is analogous to the ingenuity of human art. The infinite and eternal power which is thus revealed in the physical life of the universe seems in no wise akin to the human soul. The idea of beneficent purpose seems for the moment to be excluded from nature, and a blind process, known as natural selection, is the deity that slumbers not nor sleeps. Reckless of good and evil, it brings forth at once the mother’s tender love for her infant and the horrible teeth of the ravening shark, and to its creative indifference the one is as

good as the other.

"In spite of these appalling arguments the man of science, urged by the single-hearted purpose to ascertain the truth, be the consequences what they may, goes quietly on and finds that the terrible theory must be adopted; the fact of man's consanguinity with dumb beasts must be admitted.

"In reaching these conclusions the man of science reasons upon the physical facts within his reach, applying to them the same principles of common sense whereby our every-day lives are successfully guided. When once the formidable theory is really understood, when once its implications are properly unfolded, it is seen to have no such logical consequences as were at first ascribed to it. As with the Copernican astronomy, so with the Darwinian biology, we rise to a higher view of the workings of God and of the nature of man than was ever attainable before. So far from degrading humanity, or putting it on a level with the animal world in general, the Darwinian theory shows us distinctly for the first time how the creation and the perfecting of man is the goal toward which nature's work has all the while been tending. It enlarges tenfold the significance of human life, places it upon even a loftier eminence than poets or prophets have imagined, and makes it seem more than ever the chief object of that creative activity which is manifested in the physical universe."

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COMMENTARY ON THE FOURTH CHAPTER
OF THE BHAGAVAD GITA

PERHAPS no other Chapter of the Bhagavad Gita, the Hindu Epic, which corresponds to our Bible is of so vital importance as the Fourth Chapter, dealing with "The Devotion of Knowledge," and the Eternal Doctrine of Yoga.

Many think after reading such publications as "Practical Yoga," that anyone can enter the state of Yoga, after given a few lessons by these charlatans coming over from India. Americans should know better, that the Eternal Doctrine handed down to one from another, comes from within and not from without, and if the Editor of "Practical Yoga," teaches you in so many lessons that he can teach you to induce the Yoga State, he lies, and he knows he lies, for I have the first article to read in his colorful publication where he shows me conclusively that he has himself entered the state of Yoga, and not a lower form of mental concentration induced by postures and breathing: It may cover the Hatha state, but the Royal State or Supreme Yoga, he has yet to attain.

Now Yoga means Devotion to YOG. YOG, the Infinite and Supreme, who, the size of a man's thumb, sits at rest in eternal contemplation in the core of the Heart, of each and every individual. And when union with the Higher Self takes place, then man comes into contact with YOG, the God of Old, and attains LIBERATION from the works of action.

I know many students think that after they have attained the State of Samadhi, or Christ Consciousness, that they are capable of teaching others. Nothing could be so far from the truth. For does HE not say in this fourth Chapter, "Many have been in past times the births of ME and of thee also, Arjuna, (the disciple). All these (births) I know, but thou knowest them not, O Slayer of foes!" Here HE implies that His Knowledge is higher and anterior to that of the disciples. Then pray tell, how can any other disciple know, and impart the Knowledge of the Higher Self to another without having first come into union with this inner Knowledge of the Higher Self himself? I know the first thing you will say after reading this, that a Knowledge of the Higher Self can then be imparted to another from without; to which I again reply, nothing could be so far from the Truth.

The Knowledge, Krishna speaks of, and which he says is mandatory to gain entrance in Yoga, or the Kingdom of Heaven here and now, is internal Knowledge, or WISDOM, which liberates, and once the Light of Wisdom shines through the writings of one of the disciples of the Lord of Yoga, he himself becomes the Light within, and so far as imparting this Light to another or telling him just how the feat is accomplished, would be for the Sun, Moon and Stars to tell you how they operate and what lies behind them.

Again He (the Eternal One) says: "Whenever piety decays and impiety is in the ascendant, I produce myself, for the protection of good men, for the destruction of evildoers, for the re-establishment of

piety, I am born from age to age."

By this He means, whenever goodness is predominant in the nature of a disciple, who seeks the Light, I, the Higher Self, spring into being in the nature of the individual, and destroy the evil in the hearts of all men.

What else does this fourth Chapter bring to the minds of men, than the Light of the Christ Within, which liberates them from physical plane bondage.

This fourth Chapter is the Crowning Jewel in the Edifice of the Mahabarata, of which the Bhagavad Gita is but a small part. This piety is sacred and eternal, and no tampering with the nerve centres, through breathing or yoga postures, as taught by the Editor of Practical Yoga or the Rosicrucian Societies will ever sustain them in the hour of trial, when the step is made to bridge the yawning gap of Death, whilst in the body. This is the Supreme Test of Yoga, and too many schools have left their pupils floundering in a swamp of doubt, insanity, and what is worst of all Soul-destruction, because they were not truly and duly prepared as all true Brothers of the Light must be, when the old legaric current is turned on up and down the spine, and death's portals crossed, leaving the student in full control of his faculties, and able to vision and encompass both sides of life and death while still breathing, and enjoying the fruits of what Krishna imparts to Arjuna in this fourth Chapter of the Gita, as, "The Eternal Doctrine of Yoga." For Eternal it must be to be handed down from age to age.

THE SPIRITUAL WORLD HERE AND NOW!

AND how does the Spiritual World operate but through the physical. Picture to yourself the World revolving within your own consciousness, and not without, as it seemingly does. Suppose you fail to lock a door and presently some uninvited visitor turns the lock and walks into your domicile. There is a law behind this seeming trivial incident that is real and spiritual. The mere outward import that if you do not lock your doors, robbers, thieves and uninvited guests may and will enter, is backed by a irremediable law, that you unlock the thought-world and allow seeming entitles to enter your domain, for they are thought-forms, elementals, but far from real on the inner spiritual plane.

In other words, the whole physical World is a panorama sprung from Pandora's Box, a magical transformation that has its roots and mainspring within your own consciousness. You see what you vision or think you see. If you think to see good things, good things will spring up. If you think to see bad things, bad events will surely follow. So beware what you think and desire.

Now this interior world within you, this conglomerate mess of men, women, animals, things animate and inanimate are all the procession of forms that you must become Master of before you can hope to step out of the body before Death lays its strangle-

hold upon you and you become Immortal! ! !

And how is control over physical sense-objects accomplished? This manner. Control your thought and you control physical sense objects. Work in line with the vibration and rhythm of your own well being and environment and not against it. For by allowing the etheric thought-currents of outsiders to enter your aura, they break the connection between your outer and inner Higher Self, and you are at the mercy and play of their every whim and caprice.

It is all similar to electrical currents of rotund movement. Complete your circle current by talking to yourself through others but never allow others to talk to themselves through you, for then, like the electrical circuit on your door-bell the positive and negative currents failing to come into contact, fail to ring the bell, and likewise, when you fail to contact your Higher Self in others, you fail to talk to yourself and complete the Ring of Unity.

Now again to this inner world of thought apply it to every event in your life's line and see the inner World stand out in perspective above the old staid World of the senses. As men become more keen and rarefied to the Thought World they begin to live in the Thought World, the outer compartment to the Spiritual World within. Desire something, after you have reached the plane I am speaking of, and within the allotted time for precipitation the event will come, magic like, to your door. The time it takes to bring

it depends upon the intensity of the thought brought to bear upon the desire. Time vanishes before it, physical sense laws bow to it, reason and mind surrender to it, and Behold! we have a Liberated Man, who, like Alladin, wishes his thoughts into action, and commands the whole World to do his bidding. He must be a just, pure man or Mother Nature would not allow him to enter into her mysteries without being unselfish. His every motive must be for the benefit of others.

Thus, we have a Christ, a Buddha, a Confucius, again reincarnated, to save the World from the Blacks who stand today ready to defy all Civil Law, order and Government and who, out of the wish of this New Alladin, will descend into the Burning Pits of Hell this time to stay indefinitely, for the World has had enough of Magic of the Black Variety operated through High Church Heads and Dignitaries.

—HARRY R. LANG.

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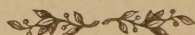
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